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EXPLOSION AND FIRE ON BOARD U. S. DESTROYER

Warship is Headed For Newport, Following Accident At Outset of Maneuvers Off Atlantic Coast—Two Men Badly Burned and Vessel is Greatly Damaged.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 5.—An explosion followed by a fire took place today on board the torpedo boat destroyer Cummings, while she was engaged in war maneuvers off the coast. The Cummings was immediately headed for this port.

The explosion occurred this forenoon in the forward compartment of the Cummings and two men were badly burned.

The fire was soon extinguished but it was decided by her commander, Lieut. J. C. Freeman, to start back for port.

The Cummings is expected here late today.

NAVAL MILITIA BOATS CAUGHT IN STORM OFF SHORE OF CONNECTICUT

Thirteen members of the first and second division naval militia of New York, put into Bridgeport harbor today, storm-battered, enroute from Gardiner Bay to New York.

Two fifty foot government launches, which were found too large to host upon the third class gunboat Waip, carried the party that made Bridgeport harbor only after a most trying time last night in which they encountered a succession of heavy seas that threatened to swamp the boats. At one time the party became separated and, fearing that the other had gone to the bottom in the turbulent waters, both boats put about in search of the other.

The first and second divisions, New York naval militia, had been upon government target practice in July and August, on board the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge. It was found by comparison of the shots made that a few would probably exist and the government ordered that the tugs gun crews should proceed to Gardiner's Bay and shoot it off.

The practice was completed on Sunday night and the boats ordered to proceed to New York. The result of the final shots was not known in navy circles for a period of nearly a month, and it is said by members of the party that the result will be very close. For "spotting" showed that a total of 35 out of 39 fired was made by both divisions.

Many other boats of larger type were compelled to put in the harbor this afternoon, and the fast speed boat Hornet bound for Southern waters.

DISTING OF VES DEMOCRATS TO BREEDS TROUBLE HAVE CONTESTS IN G. O. P. CLUB IN 3 DISTRICTS

Friends in Fourth Say He Did Not Get "Square Deal" May Repudiate Party.

Trouble and dissension that has been brewing in the Fourth District Republican club for some time came to a head last night when Fred D. Ives, president of the club, and one of its organizers, resigned. Because of his decided stand in favor of commission form of government and because he has not been in sympathy with all the administration affairs, there was a plan on foot to depose Mr. Ives as president. A special meeting was called last night and although its purpose was not made known, those on the "inside" knew what was coming.

So did Mr. Ives. He forestalled the action of the club by handing in his resignation. Although the meeting was a secret one it is said that Mr. Ives was roundly scored for having expressed the opinion that he knew the Republican leaders would not keep faith with the people in promising commission form of government.

Mr. Ives has been prominent in Republican politics in the district for the last 15 years. He represented the district in the common council for one term and also one term as health commissioner, one year of which he was president of the board.

Differences between Mr. Ives and workers in the district began two years ago when it was charged that he did not properly support Attorney Abe S. Golding, the Republican candidate for alderman. Differences with district workers were followed by differences with some of the city leaders and Mr. Ives, although respecting it, did not get a representative to the health board. It was believed that these differences had been patched up, when Mr. Ives asserted his characteristic independence in taking a stand contrary to the wishes of the administration, and in consequence his removal was demanded. James A. Turner was elected in his place.

The election of Mr. Turner has not, however, had the effect of oil on troubled waters for Mr. Ives has friends in the district some of whom declared last night that he did not see a square deal and they openly avowed the Republicans were treating rather poorly one who has been a long and faithful worker for the party.

MUST RESCIND BUILDING CODE ATTORNEY SAYS

John C. Chamberlain, One of Largest Realty Owners, Favors Repeal.

RULES PREVENTING CONSTRUCTION WORK

Former City Advocate Blames Lack of Housing Facilities on Laws.

Little building in Bridgeport of dwellings suitable to house the vast influx of workers, drawn here by the erection of the Arms plants, a general raising of rents January 1, and a possible revocation of that part of the new building code relating to the erection of six-family houses are the predictions made in building circles today.

Former City Attorney John C. Chamberlain, one of the largest owners of undeveloped realty in the city of Bridgeport, and an authority on the subject of property values, confirmed the current rumors today for The Farmer.

"The prevalent opinion among bankers and realty men in this city is that the present boom is not stable and will cost the city more than its future value. It is true that the munitions works will tend to develop the section of the city in which it is located but the cost to Bridgeport in the matter of streets, sewers and other improvements will be enormous.

"While there are a number of small two-family houses being built here at the present time, no adequate movement is being made to house the thousands that are expected to come, and property owners show no desire to build under the present code, for the only profitable development is that which considers the six-family tenement. Under the present building code such building is prohibitive and will not be attempted. Eventually the code will have to be rescinded, for at property values in this city there is no possibility of erecting such houses as called for under the new ordinance, except at a loss.

"The outcome of this action will be seen about January 1, when all rents in this city will be raised to figures substantially 25 per cent. greater than at present. This will place the house owner in a position where he can get at least 5 per cent. net on his investment, but there will have to be other increases in rentals before building can progress under the new code.

"What is said by the landlord somewhat, it will mean that where the working man may have gained \$5 per month through shorter hours or more pay he will simply turn it over to his landlord and it will mean that his family has now living separate will have to double up."

It will be seen readily that while the passing of the building code has attracted much of the public mind, the Housing association who recently spent vast amounts for out of town experts, the real benefit sought by the association "has been frustrated through the overcrowding of smaller houses and the consequent diminished air space, which has been deprecated in the campaign propaganda.

Mr. Chamberlain and others believe today that little development of North end of the city, except for higher classes of residences, will result from the present boom.

The strike at the Salt's Textile Co. is over, according to the company, but the strikers, hundreds of whom stood out, say they have expectations of getting what they want.

Frederick Rhodes, secretary of the company authorized the following statement today:

"The strike is over as far as we are concerned. All departments are running. The weavers and all the help returned in large numbers and we have placed advertisements in the Fourth district will face a rather unusual situation with three tickets in the field. The tickets are supporting the aldermanic candidates of Thomas J. Blewett, 447 Broad street; John J. Ford, 600 Myrtle avenue; and John T. Farrell, 554 Atlantic street.

In the Sixth district the contesting tickets have as aldermanic candidates John H. Casey, 576 Grand street; and Thomas M. McNamara, 41 Worth street.

The tickets in the Twelfth district have endorsed for alderman, Daniel J. Connors and James Monahan.

In these three districts alone will there be contests, and the question of district control alone is the issue. Chairman Hugh J. Lavery of the Democratic Town committee says the quiet primaries, with but three contests, presage a very harmonious city convention.

The aldermanic candidates who will face no contest at the primaries are: First district—James Huddy, 328 State street.

Third district—John B. Callahan, 240 Munroe street.

Fourth district—Daniel E. Walker, 375 Clinton avenue.

Fifth district—Thomas F. Flynn, 988 Norman street.

Seventh district—Daniel E. Brennan, 75 James street.

Eighth district—John A. Cornell, Jr., 180 Whitney avenue.

Ninth district—Frederick Martin, 169 Spring street.

Tenth district—John J. Scully, 683 Kosuth street.

Eleventh district—James M. Williams, 206 East Main street.

The complete list of delegate tickets will be found elsewhere in The Farmer today.

Eighth district Democrat last night endorsed the candidacy of Alderman John H. Connors for mayor.

Stealing fruit is considered a most reprehensible act, and the boys are sternly warned not to do it again until next time.

Three Tickets in Second, and Two in Sixth and Twelfth Districts.

There will be contests in only three districts at the Democratic primaries to be held next Monday evening. According to the tickets filed today for publication, as required by law, there will be more than one ticket in the Second, Sixth and Twelfth districts.

The Second district will face a rather unusual situation with three tickets in the field. The tickets are supporting the aldermanic candidates of Thomas J. Blewett, 447 Broad street; John J. Ford, 600 Myrtle avenue; and John T. Farrell, 554 Atlantic street.

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ALLIES TO WITHDRAW BULGARIAN NEGOTIATIONS; JOINT ULTIMATUM WILL BE PROMULGATED AT ONCE

BERNSTORFF PROMISES SATISFACTION TO U. S. ON SINKING OF ARABIC

Washington, Oct. 5.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, gave Secretary Lansing today oral assurances with respect to the case of the Arabic that point to a satisfactory settlement, according to official information obtained here.

The ambassador left no memorandum or document with Secretary Lansing but made suggestions looking toward the amendment of the communication he presented in New York last Saturday. Until the document in changed form is received and its phraseology examined by officials it was indicated that they would not be certain whether the Arabic case could be considered on the road to adjustment.

From the German embassy came intimations that the American viewpoint had been satisfactorily met and that the entire issue is in process of amicable settlement. It was pointed out that disavowal of the act of sinking of the Arabic had been given through the acceptance by Germany of the evidence submitted by the United States tending to prove that the German commander erred when he thought the vessel was trying to sink his submarine.

Admission of the mistake was conveyed last Saturday by the German ambassador, but the American government's construction of it was that such a radical move would not be less unless accompanied by reparation or the assumption of liability. On that point no word could be obtained from the embassy or the state department.

It was considered possible that if Germany admitted liability the amount of damages might be determined by diplomatic negotiations through commissioners, such as are being named to fix damages in the case of the American ship William P. Frye.

Until Germany's intentions with respect to liability are fully made clear, however, officials were not inclined to be too optimistic though they admitted that the German ambassador's conversation indicated an adjustment of the difficulties.

Later Secretary Lansing went to the White House to report to the President of his conversation with Ambassador Von Bernstorff.

DR. DUMBA SAILS FOR HIS COUNTRY TODAY

New York, Oct. 5.—Dr. Constantin Theodore Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Washington for more than two years, who was recalled at the request of the United States government, was ready to start for Austria today on board the Holland-America liner Nieuw Amsterdam leaving here for Falmouth and Rotterdam at noon. Mme. Dumba goes with him.

The ambassador and his wife spent last evening in making their final calls upon Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and in bidding good-bye to other officials and personal acquaintances.

MOSHIER SAYS WITHHOLD PAY OF BUILDER ON AUTO CRASH, POORHOUSE JOB

Doesn't Remember Anything About Careening Down Ox Hill In Car.

"I don't remember riding down Ox Hill. I don't remember how the accident happened; in fact I don't recall anything that happened within a mile of where they say we went through the billboard," declared George L. Moshier to Coroner Phelan at St. Vincent's hospital today.

Moshier was driving Dr. George W. Osborn's Buick automobile early Wednesday morning when the car leaped from the roadway and went through a billboard at the foot of Ox Hill, killing William Costello and severely injuring Moshier.

Coroner Phelan yesterday heard Arthur Lucier, chauffeur for Dr. Osborn, who took his automobile with him, leave, James W. Keardon and Raymond Ely, tell how the party started from the Blue Ribbon garage at midnight, drove to the Elm Country club at Westport, where they had three drinks each and then through Norwalk to Danbury and back toward Bridgeport by way of Newtown. Moshier told substantially the same story as the others, except that he claimed his mind is a blank as to how the accident happened.

His last recollection is of passing a house about a mile above Ox Hill. He next remembers being treated by the surgeon on the way to St. Vincent's hospital. Moshier is recovering from severe contusions of the brain, cuts and other injuries on the head. His head is entirely swathed in bandages. His counsel, Attorney Melnitz and Attorney George Mara, who represents Lucier, were present when the coroner took his statement today.

Moshier is held in \$3,000 charged with manslaughter. He will be discharged from the hospital probably Saturday. He then will be taken to jail unless he gets bail.

Frank Costello, a brother of the boy who was killed when the joy riders took the plunge from the road, denied today the story of Lucier that Costello had proposed the ride to the Casino and later the rides with the two strange girls to Westport. Lucier had told Coroner Phelan this yesterday.

"Why, my brother was playing pinches at our home in Davenport street, when Lucier drove up in the automobile and asked him to go out," he said. "My brother didn't have any engagement to go to the show with Lucier. He had a date with a girl and he wanted to go and keep that. It looks to me as if Lucier was trying to clear himself by hiding behind a dead man."

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight, Wednesday fair. Cooler; moderate to fresh southwest to west winds.

Situation in Balkan States Nears Crisis as Allies Prepare Final Demands, and Germany Urges Immediate Attack on Serbians—Bulgaria Blames Russia for Precipitating Conflict By Demand For Removal of German Civilians From Capital.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Telegraphing from Nish, Serbia, yesterday, the correspondent of the Havas News Agency says: "The quadruple entente will send a collective ultimatum to the Bulgarian government today (Monday)."

Allies Withdraw Proposals

London, Oct. 5.—Authoritative confirmation was obtained today of the statement that the offer of the entente powers to Bulgaria conditioned on her accession to the allies in the war has now been withdrawn.

Ultimatum From Russia Delayed

Petrograd, Oct. 5.—Russia's ultimatum to Bulgaria was not delivered to Premier Radoslavoff until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. This statement was made officially here today.

Previous advices from Petrograd were that the ultimatum had been delivered on Sunday and that the 24 hour limit within which a reply was demanded expired yesterday. As this period did not begin until the time of actual delivery of the ultimatum, the Bulgarian government had until 4 o'clock this afternoon in which to decide whether to adopt a policy of strict neutrality to side openly with Germany, Austria and Turkey.

ULTIMATUM WILL CLEAR SITUATION, PARIS SAYS

Paris, Oct. 5.—Russia's ultimatum to Bulgaria is welcomed in Paris as a means of clearing the Balkan situation. Little doubt is felt here that France will take similar action and that if the Russian minister departs from Sofia he will be accompanied by the representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy.

Jean Herbert asserts that the allies must strike swiftly if they are to accomplish their purpose in the Balkans. It is stated that the Italians have 500,000 troops and Austria has 1,000,000. Owing to the position of Italy in reference to certain Balkan peoples, the Italians might be precluded from landing troops at Salonika but the suggestion is made that they will assist British and French at the Dardanelles.

It is conceded that if Bulgaria should enter the war the situation would be a dangerous one for the allies. Unless this blow was parried quickly, military strategists believe, the Serbians might be run between the Germans and Austria on the north and the Bulgarians on the south, in which case a Teutonic army might reach Constantinople in a comparatively short time.

London, Oct. 5.—Whether by delay in telegraphic communications or by some other unexplained cause, Bulgaria obtained an additional 24 hours in which to decide her course. The time limit of the Russian ultimatum demanding that King Ferdinand break with the central powers did not expire yesterday afternoon as had been reported. The Bulgarian government had the opportunity of delaying its decision until mid-afternoon today.

The Petrograd despatch making this explanation reached London this afternoon too late for comment in the first editions of the newspapers. All followed the lead of the morning newspapers, that by her alliance Bulgaria had definitely committed herself to a Turko-Teutonic alliance. But with troops of the allies ready, with Russia's squadrons in the Black Sea, prepared to attack Bulgarian ports, and with Bulgarian forces along both the Serbian and Greek frontiers, there was believed to be little chance of any development which would prevent Bulgaria from aligning herself against the Allies.

Special dispatches from Athens assert that Greek sailing ships already have been pursued by Bulgarian revenue cutters, the Greeks being fired upon but escaping.

BULGARS IN PACT WITH TEUTONS TO MARCH ON SERBIA

Milan, Oct. 5.—A military treaty was signed by Bulgaria, Germany and Austria some time ago, according to a despatch to Corriere della Sera.

By the terms of this treaty the despatch asserts, the Bulgarian army is bound to attack Serbia with six divisions in the Nish-Pierot section and to send Macedonian troops to Vardar to destroy railroad communication with Saloniki, thus delaying the allies in their efforts to aid Serbia.

The opposition Bulgarian leaders, M. Ghenadiev, Malloff and Guecheff, after having gone so far as to threaten King Ferdinand because of his stand in favor of Germany and Austria are reported to have changed front completely and now proclaim that the nation is united. Bands of students paraded the streets of Sofia singing alternately the Bulgarian, German and Austrian national anthems.

NEW HAVEN HOLDING ITS CITY ELECTION

New Haven, Oct. 5.—New Haven is holding its biennial city election today with five tickets in the field. The mayoralty candidates are: Republican, Mayor Frank J. Rice; Democratic, Albert W. Matteson; Socialist, John L. Martin; Prohibition, Charles W. Hulise and Socialist-Labor, C. B. Wells.

WANTS PILOT LICENSE

Samuel S. Lockwood, a veteran pilot in Long Island Sound, has applied to the superior court for a renewal of his pilot's license. His three year license, which he obtained in 1912, has expired. He wants authority to act as pilot along the Connecticut shore from Norwalk to New Haven. The petition is returnable to the October term.

Gov. Whitman appointed George A. Larkin of Olean, N. Y., surrogate of Cattaraugus county.